



## Team GB Measuring Data Summary as of 28 February 2022

190 dogs measured by GB Classifiers

- 31 large
- 30 intermediate
- 66 medium
- 63 small

Please note, in large, not all were measured above 500 as these handlers have chosen to jump large. Therefore this is not a measuring issue.

Please note. A borderline dog is one that we have measured and believe it is very close but a significant risk to being measured out at a Championship. It could be a dog that is 2 or 3 mm above the cut off or a dog that had some measures above and some below the cut off. If they qualify for the team we will consider this and discuss with the handler in full, the implications of travelling. If they do travel to compete, we would be taking a reserve specifically as cover for the dog being measured out.

### **Intermediate stats**

- 3 dogs above 500. (10%)
- 13 dogs will not make the 480 FCI cut off. (43.33%) (Not a measuring issue just information for Kennel Club to consider)
- Observation. As this stage, and as all of these dogs were measured before the FCI confirmed the height and irrelevant for 2022, it appears the majority of dogs in Intermediate coming to be measured so far are around the new FCI cut off height and not the "larger intermediate" dogs who are close to the cut off. These handlers with larger Intermediates we assume know they will be FCI large and have not yet realised that GB will require them to be measured for 2023 Try Outs.

### **Medium Stats**

- 2 dogs measured out. (3%)
- 3 dogs out but borderline. (4.5%)
- 7.5% with issue

### **Small Stats**

- 8 dogs measured out (12.7%)
- 9 dogs out but borderline (14.3%)
- 27% with issue

### **Total Stats**

- 159 small, medium and Intermediate measured
- 13 dogs measured out (8.2%)
- A further 12 small and mediums measured out but very close to the cutoff. (9.3% of Small & Medium)
- 15.7% of small, medium and Intermediate dogs are an issue.

17% of small and mediums are an issue for Team GB



## The Impact on Team GB

Agility Team GB has in the past 8 months, using Kennel Club Senior measures, measured many dogs to be above their Kennel Club official height. Several dogs have dropped out of the GB selection process rather than put themselves forward for the height classification as they believe they will not measure in. This has been a known issue for many years.

Over the past several years many of these dogs that have been measured out by Senior Kennel Club measurers at Agility Team GB, have gone on to win CCs, qualify and win at Olympia and/or Crufts. Unfortunately, even with the new rule in place, no handlers to my knowledge have voluntarily chosen to move their dogs up in the height category at Kennel Club.

As GB manager I do have a vested interest in the success of all dogs in the 3 lowest height categories. Dogs being allowed to continue to compete in a height they do not truly measure into, creates many negatives for British Agility.

- Dogs are winning on to the GB process in a height they are not eligible for and when measured out creates animosity and gives the team a negative perception.
- When these dogs are then removed or withdrawn from the process due to their height, we are left with a much smaller pool for GB to select from.
- Dogs that truly measure into that height are prevented from gaining the success they deserve due to dogs that should not be in their height beating them

From a GB point of view there are a lot of dogs that could represent GB who are • Not qualifying for the selection process due to “larger ineligible dogs” dogs taking the spots

- Not gaining valuable experience competing at Crufts and Olympia due to the “larger dogs” qualifying and taking the places.
- Run by demoralised handlers as they are unable to compete successfully week in week out against the “larger dogs”.

Success builds confidence which is vital when you compete internationally. As stated above this not only reduces the number of dogs we are selecting from, but it is also reducing the strength in depth as dogs that are eligible in that height category are not developing and reaching their full potential nationally.

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